

# Fright for champions

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Wycombe Wanderers (1) 2  
Hendon ..... (0) 1  
THOUGH beaten 2-1 by  
champions Wycombe  
Wanderers at Claremont  
Road on Tuesday, it was  
Hendon, who won all the  
praises.

"We were disgraceful,"  
stormed Wycombe's assis-  
tant manager John Rear-  
don, "and I have told them  
so in no uncertain  
manner," he continued  
after watching Hendon  
provide most of the excite-  
ment in a game they did not  
deserve to lose.

Brian Lee, boss of high flying  
Wycombe, also slammed his  
players for what he considered  
an inept display.

"Hendon played with spirit  
while we played like cheats," he  
said.

Happier in defeat was  
Hendon manager Bill Fisher,  
who praised his players for their  
"magnificent performance."

Fisher is unlikely to make any  
changes for the visit of  
Leatherhead to Claremont  
Road tomorrow (Saturday), and

if his players can produce a  
repeat of this high calibre dis-  
play then their former idol,  
goalkeeper John Swannell, now  
with Leatherhead, could be in  
for a testing time.

by Fred Harris

But the Hendon manager will  
have to be alert to keep the  
players hastily signed to replace  
last season's departures.

Players like Steve Jefferies,  
Bob Southam and Eggie James  
are fast making an impact, and  
Slough manager Roy Sleap, the  
former Hendon international,  
watched with interest the  
tremendous midfield perfor-  
mance of Roy Davies. Sleap was  
accompanied by Roy's brother,  
Barry Davies, who is already  
with Slough.

James recovered from  
hamstring trouble which kept  
him out of Hendon's two  
previous matches and Jefferies  
were let loose against  
Wycombe's defence in Hen-  
don's new 4-4-2 formation. They  
proved more than a match for  
former Hendon Welsh inter-  
national centre-half Alan  
Phillips, now skipper of  
Wycombe, and Keith Mead.

But Hendon were caught out  
just before the interval by a  
Tony Horseman corner. The

ball was headed away to Howard  
Kennedy, who blasted through a  
ruck of players from just outside  
the area to give Wycombe an  
undeserved lead.

The impressive Jefferies  
equalised ten minutes after the  
interval. He outpaced the  
Wycombe defence to collect a  
through ball from Haider and  
beat John Maskell with a rising  
shot.

Worried Wycombe sub-  
stituted striker Keith Searle with  
Welsh international Dylan  
Evans on the hour. Hendon left  
their 12th man, Vic Cogger, on  
the sidelines.

## Offside?

Hendon were pressing hard  
when Wycombe broke away for  
the winner 14 minutes from  
time. There was a suspicion of  
offside when Horseman, sent  
away by Christ's College  
schoolmaster Steve Perrin, ran  
nearly half the length of the  
field before slotting wide of  
luckless Arthur Paisley.

Hendon: A. Paisley, D. Poole, M.  
Cooper, J. Field, B. Stevens, R. Haider,  
S. Jefferies, J. Wilson, R. Davies, R.  
Southam, E. James. Substitute: V.  
Cogger.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell, P.  
Birdseye, D. Bullock, K. Mead, A.  
Phillips, G. MacKenzie, A. Horseman, H.  
Kennedy, K. Searle (withdrawn), M.  
Holfield, S. Perrin. Substitute: D. Evans.